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# RESOLUTION HONORING LESTER H. McKEEVER JR.

The Board of Trustees wishes to congratulate Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer of the University of Illinois since 1994, on receiving the Order of Lincoln, considered the State’s highest honor.

The Order of Lincoln recognizes current or former Illinois residents whose contributions to the betterment of humanity have brought honor to the state or whose dedication to the principles of public service inspires all Illinoisans. Mr. McKeever was honored as a Lincoln Laureate at the 60th Annual Convocation of The Lincoln Academy on April 13, 2024, at the Chicago History Museum.

A native of Chicago, Mr. McKeever graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 1955 with a degree in accountancy and later became the 60th Black Certified Public Accountant in the United States. After service in the U.S. Army, Mr. McKeever joined the Chicago accounting firm of Washington and Pittman. There he made partner, with the firm eventually becoming Washington, Pittman and McKeever. Mr. McKeever is now a partner in Mitchell Titus, the largest minority owned CPA firm in the country.

Mr. McKeever chaired the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and has given his time to numerous corporate boards. His resume of service includes the Chicago Urbana League, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and Harness Tracks of America.

Mr. McKeever has also served as treasurer of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees for 30 years, bringing his wisdom and experience to the betterment of his alma mater. The Board of Trustees knows well the character, qualities, and commitment to service that have earned Mr. McKeever the State’s highest honor. The Board wishes to express the deep admiration, gratitude, and intense pride for which we regard Mr. McKeever’s induction into the Order of Lincoln.

The Board of Trustees directs that this resolution be incorporated in the minutes of today’s meeting to become a part of the official public record and that a suitable copy be given to you as a permanent reminder of the esteem and affection in which you are held.